GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:84
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FAST TRACK COURTS
KAMAL NATH;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approached the 12th Finance Commission for setting up an additional 1500fast track courts to dispose of the huge backlog of cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Fast Track Courts opened during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the number of cases disposed of by these courts during the above period, State-wise?

(e) whether the Fast Track Courts are not functioning in some States; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.84 to be answered on 25.7.2003.

(a) and (b) The Government have approached the 12th Finance Commission for setting up an additional 1500Fast Track Courts of Magistrates for dealing with non-sessions cases and other crimes.

(c) and (d) The Fast Track Courts were to start functioning from April 2001, but some states started late.Statements showing the number of Fast Track Courts opened and made functional during each of the last three years, and the number of cases disposed of by these courts, are enclosed at Annexure I and II.

(e) and (f) As per the information available, the Fast Track Courts are not functioning in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim. In respect of the state of Himachal Pradesh, due to low pendency of cases, the State Government was not in favour of establishing Fast Track Courts, but recently it has notified two Fast Track Courts. In respect of the state of Sikkim, no Fast Track Court has been established on account of low pendency of cases in the subordinate courts.

Annexure-I

Statement in reply to Parts (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.84 to be answered on 25.7.2003.

Number of Fast Track Courts set up in the last three years

Sl.No.	Name of the State	From 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001	From 1.1.2002 to 30.11.2002	From 1.12.2002 to 30.6.2003
1	Andhra Pradesh	22	24	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3	0	0
3	Assam	15	0	5
4	Bihar	37	73	0
5	Chhattisgarh	11	12	8
6	Goa	1	0	0
7	Gujarat	36	0	25
8	Haryana	5	1	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
10	J&K	9 #	0	0
11	Jharkhand	20	55	1
12	Karnataka	8	2	25
13	Kerala	1	21	5
14	Madhya Pradesh	30	10	0

15	Maharashtra	103	0	0
16	Manipur	2	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	2	0
18	Mizoram	0	3	0
19	Nagaland	0	0	2
20	Orissa	17	9	0
21	Punjab	7	0	9
22	Rajasthan	40	43	0
23	Sikkim	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	30	19	0
25	Tripura	2	1	0
26	Uttaranchal	30	2	9
27	Uttar Pradesh	150	56	0
28	West Bengal	13	12	29
	Total	592	345	120

= The Government of Jammu & Kashmir has set up an additional 31 FTCs out of their own resources.

Annexure-II

Statement in reply to Parts (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.84 to be answered on 25.7.2003.

Number of cases disposed of by the Fast Track Courts during the last three years

Sl.No.	Name of the State	From 1.4.2001 to 31.12.2001	From 1.1.2002 to 30.11.2002	From 1.12.2002 to 30.6.2003
1	Andhra Pradesh	1731	4770	N.A.
2	Arunachal Pradesh	N.A.	4	50
3	Assam	N.A.	1054	2785
4	Bihar	N.A.	3110	N.A.
5	Chhattisgarh	523	455	N.A.
6	Goa	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7	Gujarat	N.A.	175	8596
8	Haryana	N.A.	448	N.A.
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	N.A.
10	J&K	2100	8500	5649
11	Jharkhand	N.A.	200	5110
12	Karnataka	N.A.	572	N.A.
13	Kerala	N.A.	836	N.A.
14	Madhya Pradesh	N.A.	4123	N.A.
15	Maharashtra	N.A.	18393	9148
16	Manipur	N.A.	136	N.A.
17	Meghalaya	0	N.A.	N.A.
18	Mizoram	0	N.A.	8
19	Nagaland	0	N.A.	N.A.
20	Orissa	N.A.	7286	N.A.
21	Punjab	N.A.	232	N.A.
22	Rajasthan	1880	5506	N.A.
23	Sikkim	0	0	N.A.
24	Tamil Nadu	N.A.	6158	28831
25	Tripura	N.A.	196	N.A.
26	Uttaranchal	5289	2511	10150
27	Uttar Pradesh	N.A.	10788	578
28	West Bengal	40	427	2139
	Total	11563	75880	73044